



TUESDAY E-FOLDER – April 20, 2021

Dear Travis Families,

Here are items to note for the Week of April 19-23, 2021:

'TRAVIS HAS TALENT' VIRTUAL SPRING SHOWCASE & AUCTION

What is going on this week?

The Art Show opens on Wednesday! Through Wednesday, May 5, take a look at our Tigers' artwork in the [Virtual Art Show](#) with proceeds going to the Travis Art Department. Make sure to check out the **Scavenger Hunt clues** and send your answers in on this [google form](#). Any student who answers all of the questions correctly will win a prize!

The Auction Preview opens on Friday! Head over to the **event website** to pre-register for the auction and preview all of the amazing items. The auction will be live Monday, April 26th until 8pm, Saturday, May 1st.

What is going on next week?

The Talent Show starts on Monday! Join us each day, Monday, April 26th to Friday, April 30th, as we showcase a different category of videos submitted by our talented Travis community. Miss a night? Check back on Saturday, May 1 for all videos!

The Virtual Art Show! Through Wednesday, May 5, take a look at our Tigers' artwork in the Virtual Art Show with proceeds going to Travis's art department. Each day this week, we will have [dress up days](#) to celebrate art and our Travis Tiger Spirit!

The Auction and The Premier Event! On Saturday, May 1st, the week will culminate with the Premier Event featuring Johnny Bravo, more from our talented Tigers, behind the scenes footage from Travis Elementary, and an auction. The event kicks off at 6:30pm and the auction closes at 8:00pm to raise funds for the Travis Community. No tickets needed--but be sure to **REGISTER TO BID** you won't want to miss it!

Visit the [event page](#) for information on how to participate in it all!

The Spring Event and Auction is the largest Travis Elementary fundraiser of the year and its success depends entirely on strong support from YOU!

Need to skip the event but still interested in supporting Travis? Simply text "**TravisTigers**" to phone number **56651** and follow the prompts. Thank you for your support!

In 2020, the Travis Foundation spent over \$125,000--four times our annual investment goal as the year brought challenges that many of us never anticipated. While we act as a rainy-day fund for just such an occasion, we ask for your support to help replenish these funds so that we can continue to continue our mission for years to come.

Recent Investments

- Staff augmentation (required due to continued budget reductions)

- Maintenance of outdoor learning spaces/playground
- Teacher trainings/instructional programming

It's not too late to sponsor or underwrite the event!

Travis has Talent will not require a ticket purchase so all can enjoy! That means sponsors and underwriters will be more important than ever to meet our fundraising goals. **Check out what sponsorship and underwriting opportunities are still available.**

Thank you to this week's Sponsors and Underwriters!

Weeknight Talent Show Underwriter

Martha Turner Sotheby's International Realty Group 1

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Linear Salon

For more information, please visit the event page or connect with us on Facebook!

BON VOYAGE, COACH DODD!

It is with bittersweet feelings that we share that **Sharon Dodd**, our PE coach the last 11 years and a 33-year teaching veteran, is retiring at the end of the year.

With an always kind, calming, and upbeat presence, Coach Dodd has served as an Action Based Learning instructor and as a fierce advocate for brain-based learning and promoting movement -- not just in PE class, but in all instructional settings. She has led innumerable campus and extracurricular activities over

the years, including our annual Field Day, the Marathon Kids program, and coaching the Cross Country and Track & Field teams to name a few. And with a passion for whole child learning and development, Coach Dodd always connects with her students on a personal level, not only teaching them the importance of personal fitness and healthy choices, but inspiring kindness and empathy. We celebrate Coach Dodd for sharing her many gifts with us and sincerely thank her for her heartfelt dedication and service to our community. We will share ways to honor and thank her in the weeks ahead. Thank you, Coach Dodd!

REMEMBERING MRS. SKOKNA

Teachers and staff recently planted a Texas Pomegranate tree in the Travis Garden in memory of **Emily Skokna**, 5th grade teacher and a Travis educator for nine years who we sadly lost to cancer last November.

Our 5th grade students are painting river rocks with images of pomegranates and pomegranate seeds, which will be used to ring the tree -- marking north, south, east, and west to serve as a trusted guide, just as Mrs. Skokna did. The tree, along with a memorial park bench, will be dedicated in a private Earth Day ceremony for the Skokna Family.

As Mrs. Skokna served and made an impact on so many in our community, all in the Travis Family (past and present students and their families) are invited to help us honor her.

The Travis Garden will be open to the community for all to visit and reminisce **from 2:50 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday**. A box of green ribbons will be located next to the garden house. Students and families are encouraged to pick up a ribbon and tie it around a tree of your choice -- whether on campus, in the neighborhood, or in your own yard. The green color connects to Earth Day (April 22) and symbolizes Mrs. Skokna's love for nature and the outdoors.

We hope you can join us in remembering our beloved teacher, colleague, and friend.

SILVER ROCKET 2021

Calling all artists! Do you have a poem or piece of visual art you'd like to share? *Silver Rocket*, Travis Elementary's literary magazine, is accepting submissions for the 2021 issue. This year things look a little different and our timeline is a lot shorter, BUT we are eager to produce this awesome artifact and showcase the creativity and imaginations of our Travis Tigers.

If your child would like to participate, there are two ways to submit their art or poetry. (1) place it in the *Silver Rocket* box at the front office; or (2) email it to silverrocketzine@gmail.com. On the back of the submission, please remember to write your child's name, grade, and teacher AND whether they'd like their artwork returned to them.

Submission deadline: Friday, May 14, 2021.

ONE BOOK, ONE SCHOOL COMING SOON!

Have you ever dreamed of being a millionaire as a kid? Our next **One Book, One School** character does just that ... or does he? **The Toothpaste Millionaire** by Jean Merrill features an innovative character named Rufus, whose simplistic toothpaste invention just might lead him to become a millionaire. His goal was just to provide an affordable toothpaste for all, but when his idea takes off, will he succeed, or will he be sabotaged by other toothpaste companies? Save the date to find out! Our annual *One Book, One School* event kicks off **Monday, May 3 and runs through May 18**. Stay tuned!

A MESSAGE FROM HOGG MIDDLE SCHOOL

Dear Parents of Future Hogg Razorbacks, if your child plans to attend Hogg Middle School in the fall, please be sure to check out this flyer ([NEW Razorback Sign UP.pdf](#)) for information on completing action steps for incoming students.

PARENT LEARNING OPPORTUNITY -- BIRDS & BEES BASICS and PUBERTY PREP

Join us for a virtual presentation and Q&A session covering **Puberty Prep for Parents** with award-winning author **Amy Lang, MA** on **Tuesday May 4**, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. This live Zoom session is a follow-up from her April 15 'Birds & Bees Basics' presentation geared mainly toward parents of 5th graders, but open to interested parents of any grade. This second installment of Travis's *Parent Learning Series* are recorded, parent-only events. Special thanks to the **Travis Foundation** for making these talks possible. See below for more information, handout links, and to register, see below:

- <https://tinyurl.com/BBKTRAVPUB>
- https://drive.google.com/file/d/1f9WCV_2gMrR1cRY2QPBKHdaj_tBEfCeS/view?usp=sharing

*This live Zoom session will be recorded for any parents/guardians unable to attend at the scheduled date and time. Part of the Q+A segments will not be recorded to respect/protect individual privacy. Parents will have an option to submit 'anonymous' questions in advance, via email, directly to Amy Lang, MA, amy@birdsandbeesandkids.com.

2020-2021 TRAVIS YEARBOOK

For information on ordering your copy of the Travis Yearbook, click here: [Yearbook Ordering Info.pdf](#). **Order deadline is Friday, April 30.** An HISD Media Release form must be on file with the school for a child to appear in the Travis yearbook. (The form can be found here: [2020-2021 Media Release Form.pdf](#).) If you have not submitted a form for your child(ren), please fill out, scan, and email the form to Mayte Sanchez at msanch45@houstonisd.org or deliver it to the Travis office. For questions or more information, contact **Travis yearbook coordinator Rosemary Chavez** at 17rosebud@gmail.com. To submit a photo for the yearbook independent of portraits taken at school by Lifetouch, email Ms. Chavez using the subject line 'TRAVIS YEARBOOK', attach your photo, and include your student's name & grade level in the message. Thank you!

BOOK DRIVE THIS WEEK!

Hello Travis families, I am Hazel Smith, an 8th grader at Hogg Middle School and a Travis graduate. I am currently working on my Girl Scout Silver Award. My goal with this project is to create an annual book drive through Travis to benefit the families at the Heights Interfaith Ministries Food Pantry. According to Reading is Fundamental, "More than 80 percent of children from economically disadvantaged communities lose reading skills over the summer because they lack access to books, learning resources, and such enrichment opportunities as trips to the library, bookstore, or museum." Research shows that losing reading skills over the summer leads to poor academic outcomes. My goal is to help fill in this literacy gap by addressing one of the causes of children falling behind: access to great books. I am especially passionate about this because I love reading so much and I want to help make sure that everyone has the opportunity to read and stretch their minds.

You can help us! Have your kids bring their favorite new or gently used books to share with kids who need them. Drop them off in the Travis foyer or on the basketball court before school on April 19-23.

I am really excited about this. Thank you so much for your help making this a success! -- **Hazel Smith**

MARATHON KIDS 'FINISH LINE' IS NEXT MONTH

Travis students have been working hard logging lots of Marathon Kid running miles this year! As we approach the end of the year, this awesome running program will come to an end. Next month all mileage logs will be due to Coach Dodd. This is a reminder to keep filling out those mileage logs so they'll be complete and ready to turn in! The mileage log form can be found here: [MK Mileage Logs.pdf](#). Here are the goals that students were given at the beginning of the 2021:

- Kinder & 1st grade: Complete at least ONE or more marathons.
- 2nd & 3rd grades: Complete at least TWO or more marathons.
- 4th & 5th grades: Complete at least THREE or more marathons

Congratulations to the students who have already completed their goal and turned in their mileage logs! For more information, contact PE Teacher, **Coach Sharon Dodd** at ssipps@houstonisd.org.

HISD VIRTUAL SPECIAL EDUCATION SPRING PARENT SUMMIT

Will take place on Saturday from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The Summit is open to all HISD parents of students who receive services through the Office of Special Education Services. The theme of the summit is "**Focused Action 4 Making Academic Traction.**" Parents who attend the virtual Summit will have opportunities to participate in learning and informational sessions regarding topics that matter to them in supporting success for their child. All parents must register to attend. Please visit, <http://bit.ly/SPEDSpringParentSummit21>, to register. **For more information, click here:** [SpedSpringParentSummit21.pdf](#).

SPANISH IMMERSION SUMMER CAMP

Language Kids World, a longtime partner of Travis Elementary, is offering both virtual and in-person summer camps and classes in Spanish, Mandarin Chinese, French, German, Italian, Sign Language & English language immersion. Travis families are offered a 5% discount (**coupon code is TRAVIS2021**). Spots are limited. For more information, click here: [Spanish Immersion Summer Camp.pdf](#).

Below are links to additional flyers/letters for this week:

- [Lost Forest Tennis Club Summer Tennis Camp 2021.pdf](#)

Wishing you a great week!

Sincerely,
Tom Day, Principal